

## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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**NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING AND PREFILE TESTIMONY DEADLINES**

DOCKET NO. 2020-43-E

**Application of Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Convenience and Necessity for the Construction and Operation of the Toolebeck - Aiken 230 kV Tie and Segments of the Graniteville #2 - Toolebeck 230 kV and Toolebeck - South Augusta 230 kV Tie, and Associated Facilities**

Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. ("Dominion Energy South Carolina") has filed with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) an Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Convenience and Necessity for the construction and operation of the Toolebeck – Aiken 230 kV Tie and Segments of the Graniteville #2 – Toolebeck 230 kV and Toolebeck – South Augusta 230 kV Tie and associated facilities. DESC Transmission Planning studies indicate that the occurrence of certain contingencies will result in heavy electrical loading on the existing Aiken area electrical transmission outlet lines as early as 2022. To prevent future excessive loading conditions on these Aiken outlet lines and to distribute the flow of power more reliably and evenly into and around the DESC system, additional electrical transmission paths are necessary between DESC and South Carolina Public Service Authority (SCPSA). After studying multiple options within DESC, with SCPSA, and with Southern Company to decrease the power flow on these Aiken outlet lines, DESC and SCPSA have agreed to establish one new DESC/SCPSA interconnecting tie line – the Toolebeck – Aiken 230 kV Tie- that involves expanding the existing Toolebeck switching station to add 230 kV capability, folding the Graniteville #2 – South Augusta 230 kV Tie into Toolebeck, and building a new 230 kV line from Toolebeck to SCPSA's Aiken Substation. In addition to decreasing the power flow on the existing Aiken area electrical transmission outlet lines and more reliably and evenly distributing the flow of power into and around the DESC system, the new tie line will increase the transfer capacity for all utilities interconnected to DESC's electrical transmission system. A Transmission Line Siting and Environmental Report for the Toolebeck – Aiken 230 kV Tie and Segments of the Graniteville #2 – Toolebeck 230 kV and Toolebeck – South Augusta 230 kV Tie and Associated Facilities, dated January 2020 and prepared by the Facilities Planning & Siting Division of Pike Engineering, LLC was filed as part of the Application. This Application is filed pursuant to the provisions of S.C. Code Ann. § 58-33-10 et seq. (2015) and S.C. Code Ann. Reg. 103-304 (2012).

**If the Application or Petition in this case contains a request for adjustment of rates, the rates are subject to potential modification by the Commission during the course of this case.**

A copy of the Company's Application can be found on the Commission's website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov) under Docket No. 2020-43-E. Additionally, a copy of the Application is available from the office of K. Chad Burgess, Esquire and Matthew W. Gissendanner, Esquire, Mail Code C222, 220 Operation Way, Cayce, South Carolina 29033.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter as a party of record should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **March 3, 2020**, by filing the Petition to Intervene with the Commission, by providing a copy to the Office of Regulatory Staff and by providing a copy to all parties of record. For the receipt of future Commission correspondence, please include an email address in the Petition to Intervene. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2020-43-E and mail a copy to all other parties in this docket.*** Any person who seeks to intervene and who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify, in writing, the Commission; the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; and the company at the above address, on or before **March 3, 2020**. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2020-43-E.***

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that a hearing, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-817, on the above matter has been scheduled to begin on **Tuesday, April 14, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.**, before the Commission in the Commission's Hearing Room at 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100, Saluda Building, Columbia, South Carolina 29210 for the purpose of receiving testimony and evidence from all interested parties. The hearing may continue through April 15, 2020, if necessary.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD (Applicant, Petitioners, and Intervenors only):**

All Parties of Record must prefile testimony with the Commission and with all parties of record. Prefiled Testimony Deadlines: Applicant's **Direct Testimony** Due: **3/3/2020**; Other Parties of Record **Direct Testimony** Due: **3/17/2020**; Applicant's **Rebuttal Testimony** Due: **3/24/2020**; and Other Parties of Record **Surrebuttal Testimony** Due: **3/31/2020**. All Prefiled Testimony Deadlines are subject to the information as posted on [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov) under **Docket No. 2020-43-E**.

For the most recent information regarding this docket, including changes in scheduled dates included in this Notice, please refer to [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov) and **Docket No. 2020-43-E**.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments in person to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100 or visit its website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov).

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